

## Defense Distribution Depot Anniston, Alabama (DDAA)

### Overhead Conveyor System Removed at DDAA Yielding High Dollar Savings

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One (1) manyear for Millwright (\$139,360) support to  
to host installation  
Two (2) WG-09 conveyor operators (\$58,032)  
Utilities Cost (\$250,000)  
Parts and maintenance (\$50,000)

**Total Annual Savings: \$497,392**

The contract for the removal of the power & free overhead conveyor system, which was installed in 1974, was awarded on September 28, 1999. Work started on October 18, 1999, by cutting off and removing all electrical conduit, wires, and fuse boxes. By October 23, 1999, the electrical portion was out of the way, and the removal of the iron portion, which included all support I beams, mezzanine flooring, electric motors, and controls began. The majority of the system consisted of a single level of overhead track and chain, approximately 8 feet above the floor, with a two story mezzanine section of overhead track and chain, approximately 16 feet above the floor. This equates to approximately 7500 LF of chain, plus 300 tote pan handling carriers.

Special precautions were taken because of the lead based paint on the structure. In order to maintain safety for the regular employees working throughout the building, the working hours for the contractors were 1700 to 0330. The contractor had to secure the conveyor system each morning before leaving the site to provide a safe work area for the DDAA employees. Work was completed just before the Christmas holiday without any safety violations or injuries to either the contractor or DDAA employees.

After dismantling the system, DDAA reclaimed 50,098 gross square feet for storage.



# DDAA Employee of the Quarter

Vanessa Rose, a Material Examiner & Identifier from Defense Distribution Depot, Anniston, Receiving Branch, Distribution Division #1, has been chosen as the DDAA Employee of the Quarter for the Fourth Quarter of FY99.

Ms. Rose recognized her branch was shorthanded and took it upon herself to process incoming new procurement (4,240 receipts), maintenance returns (560) and field service receipts (480) when not inspecting material.

Ms. Rose has also been instrumental in training her co-workers in the Standard Army Automated Contracting System (SAACONS), which is involved in processing the local procurement receipts. Approximately 1,100 receipts were processed from May 1999 to present. From the 1993 inception of the Base Operations Support System (BOSS), Ms. Rose took control of the receiving portion of this program and worked it to perfection. Because of the high dollar value associated with purchases (computers, furniture, tools, safety shoes, etc), she insured that each incoming receipt was processed and safe guarded in a timely fashion.

Also actively involved in her community, she has participated in the building of a home with Habitat for Humanity. She is an active member of her local church, where she sings in the choir and is a member of the Matrons group. This group visits the sick and home bound church members at local hospitals and nursing homes.

She is also very dedicated to her family. As the youngest of six siblings, she takes care of her 76-year old father's personal affairs, which involves taking him to doctor appointments, grocery shopping, etc. When not involved with her job and community activities, Ms. Rose can be found spending quality time with her three grandchildren.

She performs any task assigned to her without hesitation and works it until completion. She can always be found with a positive attitude and a big sunshine smile on her face. She is an excellent example for anyone to follow.



*From left, Mrs. Carol Johnson, Mr. Robert Johnson and their daughter, Susan Johnson.*

## Robert W. Johnson Retired After 46 Years of Service

After 46 years of government service, September 30, 1999 was the last official work day for Robert W. Johnson as a Material Handler in Distribution Division #2 at Defense Distribution Depot, Anniston. He came to the depot in May of 1974, after serving 21 years in the Air Force. Mr. Johnson and his wife, Carol, have been married for 37 years. They have one daughter, Susan, and one son, Robert, and no grandchildren YET. His plans after retirement are just to relax and enjoy. He has been actively involved with the Boy Scouts since 1973, and plans to continue working with them. He says he has loved working here at the depot and will miss all of the people very much. We wish him the very best of luck in his retirement.

## More from DDAA

## Happy Ending

During a recent incident at DDAA, the years of training, safety meetings and teamwork paid off in one brief instance.

On December 15, 1999, Blockers and Bracers were working on a shipment of M60A3s, securing them to a railcar. Due to the fact that several of the regular blockers and bracers were

on leave, some people from the Storage Section volunteered to assist in the effort. Working side by side with the regular Blockers and Bracers, the team started securing the vehicles. One of the volunteers started showing symptoms of heat stress. The team member working beside him quickly reacted, helping him to sit down on the dock area. The employee could not sit up and slumped over. The team member then instructed another member to call for medical assistance. They proceeded to treat him for shock; one covering him with a jacket; a second elevating his feet and a third talking to him and assuring him that medical help was on the way.

The medical staff arrived within 5 minutes, took control of the situation, and transported the employee to a local hospital. One of the medical staff stated "the preventive measures taken prior to their arrival" may well have saved this employee's life.

We want to commend these employees for a job well done and to stress that everyone should be alert and ready to react in case of an emergency. You never know when you may be faced with a situation such as this and your actions may help to save a life.

## DLA Strategic Plan Chain Teaching at DDSP



***BG Barbara Doornink delivers DLA Strategic Plan Presentation to DDSP employees***



## Defense Distribution Center - Reserve Unit Support



*Naval Reserve Unit DDC B220 provided 9,230 hours of contributory support to the San Joaquin, McClellan and Norfolk Defense Distribution Depots during FY99. Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin Commander, Army Col. presents Defense Distribution Center Detachment B220 Commander Steven –Etheridge, SC, USNR. Defense Distribution Center Detachment B220 (DDC-B220), a Naval Reserve Unit supporting the Defense Logistics Agency, was recently awarded the Leo Bilger Award by the Commander, Naval Surface Reserve Force for Fiscal Year 1999.*

## Annual Reserve Unit Award Presented

This award is presented annually to Reserve units that achieve the highest levels of training readiness and provide significant contributory support to their gaining commands. The award places DDC-B220 in the top 10% of all Naval Reserve units in the country.

During FY 1999, DDC-B220 provided 1,154 man-days or 9,230 hours of contributory support to Defense Distribution Depots San Joaquin, McClellan (DDMC), and Norfolk (DDNV). The unit provided 4,543 hours to DDJC, 3,673 hours to DDMC, and 1,050 hours to DDNV. The support was provided on regular drill weekends, regular Annual Training periods,

and periods of extended active duty for many Unit personnel.

The total value of DDC-B220's productive effort during the fiscal year exceeded \$400,000, and equaled 110% of the cost of unit operations. "We were able to maintain Unit readiness at a very high level, provide significant contributions to our gaining command, and provide a net positive return on the taxpayer's investment," said Commander Steve Etheridge, SC,

USNR, Commanding Officer of B220. "I am immensely proud to serve with the members of this Unit."